receipt of information of the existence of plague in Kunnamkulam;

(b) on which date did the authorities detect the existence of plague in Kunnamkulam?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— (a) The Director of Public Health visited Kunnamkulam on 8th January 1935.

(b) 28th January 1935.

342. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what they did to verify their suspicion;

(b) to which authority was reference made on this behalf and with what result;

(c) when was the reference answered and how?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—(a) Smears were taken from the gland and liver of the patients who died of this disease and examined at the laboratories of the General Hospital, Ernakulam and of the King Institute, Guindy.

(b) The Director, King Institute, Guindy Bacillus Pestis were found to be present.

(c) 28th January 1935. Results were found positive.

343. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) if representations were not made to the Government for declaring Kunnamkulam to be plague-affected;

(b) when was the earliest of such representations received by the Government ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— (a) Yes, one representation was received.

(b) On 8th February 1935.

344. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Chief Medical Officer and the Director of Public Health did not visit Kunnamkulam on 12th Makaram 1110;

(b) whether on that date they did not come across two cases of plague in Kunnamkulam?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—(a) Yes.

(b) They came across two suspected cases of fever the diagnosis of which could be finally made only after bacteriological examination.

345. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what was the delay in declaring Kunnamkulam plague-affected due to;

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(b) when was it actually declared plague-affected?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—(a) There was no avoidable delay in declaring Kunnamkulam plague-infected.

(b) On 8th February 1935.

Anti-plague Inoculation—Vadakkancheri and Trichur—arrangements for.

346. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether representations were not made to them to have anti-plague inoculation arrangements made at Vadakkancheri and Trichur during the continuance of plague in Kunnamkulam;

(b) whether the Government has done anything on that behalf as yet;

(c) if they have not, will they be pleased to do it at once?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. Arrangements have been made to examine the passengers and goods coming from the plague-infected area and also to watch and report rat-falls and fever cases, if any, in surrounding localities. Arrangements for inoculation have also been made in Trichur.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to (b).

Leading article Karshaka Thozhilali—enquiry into.

347. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there are any points requiring their enquiry in the Leading Article of Karshaka Thozhilali of 12th Kanni 1110 and what those points are;

(b) the results of the enquiry, mentioned in (a)?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—(a) and (b) The allegations have been found to be unfounded.

Libraries to which annual grants are given.

348. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Will the Government be pleased to give a list of libraries to which they give annual grant with the amount so given every year to each?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Iyer:—A statement giving the particulars is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV*).

English language—raising the standard of.

349. Mr. K. T. Mathew:—Will the Government be pleased

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